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BUFFALO DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS 1776 **NIAGARA** STREET BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14207-3199

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Executive Office

SUBJECT: Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Site

Dear Restoration Advisory Board Member:

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for a proposed Interim Removal Action associated with a drum trench and trash pit at the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Site. The drum trench and trash pit are located on Chemical Waste Management property, 1550 Balmer Road, Lewiston, New York.

Five alternatives were considered for this project. The preferred alternative has been determined to be protective of human health and the environment, and is believed to provide the best balance among the alternatives evaluated. The preferred alternative includes excavation of drums, containers and debris from the drum trench and trash pit, and disposal of excavated materials at legally permitted treatment, storage or disposal facilities.

The Administrative Record File for the former LOOW Site has also been released for public comment and is available in the, and the Lewiston Public Library, 305 South Eighth Street, Lewiston, New York; the Youngstown Free Library, 240 Lockport Street, Youngstown, New York; and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Information Center, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York. The Administrative Record File includes the EE/CA and provides the public with access to site-related information that was used to develop the preferred alternative.

The public comment period for the EE/CA and the Administrative Record File is from September 11, 2000 to October 10, 2000. A public meeting will be held upon timely request. Written comments will be accepted if postmarked by October 10, 2000, and should be sent to the US. Army Corps of Engineers, Public Information Center, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York 14207-3 199.

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Thank you for your continued interest in this important matter. If you require any additional information regarding the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Site, please call our Public Affairs Office at (716) 879-4438.

Sincerely,

/Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army

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Enclosure